



# HISTORYLINKS

## School Resource Boxes

### Teacher Consultation Report

#### Introduction

Historylinks Museum has produced four multi purpose educational resource boxes for use in the classroom. The project was funded by the Scottish Museums Council (SMC) and is part of Historylinks aim to develop its education policy and establish a closer relationship with schools in Sutherland and neighbouring counties. The boxes are aimed at primary schoolchildren level and a booking can be made by downloading the booking form and sending it to the museum. The overall resource will provide teachers with a flexible and enjoyable approach to learning.

The heritage themes for the boxes incorporate both key elements of the museum's current exhibitions, i.e. Market and Trade and The Railway, and themes that the museum is keen to develop through oral history projects, i.e. World War Two and Nostalgia. The boxes include both local and generic information. The activities are designed to incorporate the different requirements of the older primary age group, i.e. P4-7, but the boxes will also be useful for younger age groups. In addition, the resources address the Scottish Executive's five National Priorities in Education – Attainment and Achievement, Framework for Learning, Inclusion and Equality, Values and Citizenship, and Learning for Life.

#### Who will benefit from the project

##### Teachers

The four boxes provide a valuable addition to current classroom resources. The teacher and pupil notes are clear and concise to suit a busy classroom environment. The user friendly packs will help teachers achieve learning targets. The booking system is easy and feedback sheets provide useful information for teachers and museums.

##### Primary Schoolchildren

The activities will enable children to learn about historical themes, as well as different aspects of national curriculum subjects. Children will have the opportunity to see and hold the variety of replica objects in each box and use them in a variety of educational activities. They will develop a range of skills, including language and communication and will be involved in social interaction. It is hoped that children who use the boxes will find the learning experience to be inclusive and enjoyable.

#### Historylinks forward plan

Historylinks is keen to develop its education and outreach policy and focus on the needs and requirements of school children in Sutherland and neighbouring counties. The MLAs online resource called 'Inspiring Learning for All' has provided a valuable framework for museum learning and these principals have been incorporated into this application.

## Medieval Market Box - Contents List



### Costumes:

- Male medieval market trader
- Female medieval market trader

### Activity packs:

- Plants that provide food photopack
- Medieval market scene picture
- Paper dress-up doll

### Books and posters:

- The food pyramid poster
- A Walk Round Dornoch cathedral
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Medieval Life
- 5 ways to eat poster

### Replica objects:

- Digital images of medieval shoes on CD
- Foodstuffs – salmon x5, carrots x3, eggs x 12, potatoes x 3, blackberries x 12, beef joint, loaf of bread and a hen
- Medieval wooden plate, cup and spoon
- Medieval earthenware plate and cup
- Medieval horn cup and leather belt holder
- Set of three wooden medieval market seal stamps
- Reproduction coins x 5

## Living in Britain over the last 100 years – Contents List



### Activity packs:

- Britain Since 1930 – History for 7 – 11 year olds (TV-ROM for PC or Mac)
- Sort and match history objects

### Books and posters:

- Set of four newspaper headline posters – 1) The Queen is Crowned, 2) Everest is Climbed, 3) Man on the Moon and 4) Champions of the World
- I can remember the 1960s
- The 1950s Scrapbook
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### Replica objects:

- Traditional rag rug pack
- Bakelite telephone
- Flick books x 2
- Pecking chickens
- Jacobs ladder

## The Railway in the North Box - Contents List



### Replica and model objects:

- Class 20 diesel engine
- First Intercity passenger carriage
- LMS locomotive engine
- Crimson LMS passenger carriage
- Golden Age of Steam Trains

### Costumes:

- Railway guard – hat, waistcoat, red and green flags, whistle and pocket watch

### Activity packs:

- Branch Lines in the Highlands – postcard pack
- Victorian Scotland workbook
- The train ride activity mats
- Colouring Time with Thomas
- Thomas & Friends Activity pack

### Books and tapes:

- The Dornoch Light Railway by Barry C. Turner
- Highland Railway: People and Places by Neil T. Sinclair
- Usborne Farmyard Tales x 4
- Thomas & Friends on tape

### DVD:

- The Dornoch Light Railway

### Real objects:

- Railway lamp

## World War Two Box – Contents List



### Activity packs:

- Daily life in a wartime home
- Home front photopack
- World War II: The Scottish home front
- Evacuees: History through drama, speaking and listening, and writing
- Sound Learning: A Wartime Childhood (History – Key Stage 2)
- Children in War: Documents relating to the British home front
- The Home Front: Documents relating to life in Britain

### Books:

- At Home in World War Two (Evacuation)
- World War II Children
- On the Trail of World War II in Britain

### Replica objects:

- World War Two gas mask and bag
- Air raid patrol blackout board
- Set of four model military figures
- Food ration book
- National registration identity card
- Clothing ration book
- British wartime money
- Make do and mend pack
- Campaign medal – Battle of Britain Clasp
- Campaign medal – Victoria Cross
- Campaign medal – Defence Medal
- Campaign medal – Burma Star